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## **State Department of Agriculture Improves Website**

03/08/05 – The Nevada Department of Agriculture Director Don Henderson announced the debut of the Department's improved and updated Internet website (<a href="www.agri.nv.gov">www.agri.nv.gov</a>). The site became operational on Monday, March 8, 2005.

The Nevada Department of Agriculture's challenge was to improve their website with useful, informative and timely information using existing resources. The improvements to the website were a collaborative effort between the staff of NDOA and the Department of Information Technology. "Wanda Cox of DOIT Planning met with each member of our staff, took their input, and assembled the layout for our new website," said Director Henderson. "Linda DeSantis, DOIT Web Master, and her staff brought it to life," he added. NDOA web pages are now easier to access and download.

The new NDOA website is extremely comprehensive. NDOA has six separate divisions under its departmental umbrella. Each division has its own section on the homepage with links to specific topics or programs within that division. Additionally, there are hot links to many agriculturally related sites across the U.S.

The Nevada Department of Agriculture was established by the legislature in 1915 by Nevada Revised Statute 561. Since then, the Department has expanded its program base. In addition to regulating the livestock and plant industry, NDOA programs now include weights and measures, petroleum technology and medical marijuana.